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FLOOD PREVENTION ON THE HUANG HO
AND THE HUAI HO, AUGUST 1952

Summary: The Huang Ho Flood-Prevention Headquarters and the Huang Ho General Labor Union issued a joint proclamation to remind the authorities in Honan, Pingyuan, and Shantung to put into effect immediate measures to control the autumn floods on the river. The proclamation pointed out present weaknesses in the preparations and recommended certain steps to be taken.

A survey of the second year's work on the Huai Ho Flood-Control project indicates that over 3 million people including 100,000 technical workers and several thousands of cadres, were employed between mid-November 1951 and mid-July 1952. Sufficient progress has been made to protect 24 million mou (one mou equals 1/6 acre) of cultivated land that formerly was regularly flooded. The work of impounding 1 billion cubic meters of flood waters envisaged in the program has been about 50 percent completed. Training of cadres for the third year's program is now going on.

PRECAUTIONS AGAINST AUTUMN FLOODS ON HUANG HO -- Kai-feng, Honan Jih-pao, 7 Aug 52

A joint proclamation by the Huang Ho Flood-Prevention Headquarters and the Planning Committee of the Huang Ho General Labor Union reminds the authorities in Honan, Pingyuan, and Shantung provinces that the autumn flood season is ap-
proaching and indicates that, in general, the preparation being made to cope with it lacks homogeneity as well as extensiveness and intensiveness. Cadres and people are still lackadaisical and indulging in formalism. This poses a serious threat of disaster should a sudden flood situation arise.

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However, the proclamation points out that certain people in Ch'eng-kao Hsien have shown commendable initiative and activity in making preparation. These people have issued a competitive challenge to other areas along the river in the three provinces to follow them in flood-prevention work. They have made the following preparations which they recommend to others.

Use every available avenue to promote the activity. Organize into one big corps, 12 subcorps with 40 groups in each subcorps and a responsible leader in each group to work under unified leadership. Prepare materials and tools, such as shovels, wheelbarrows, lanterns, sandbags, and timbers. Prepare to carry the work from key points to larger areas, and to carry out the whole program without delaying agricultural production or study activities.

The Flood-Prevention Headquarters and the Labor Union offer the following advice to flood prevention authorities throughout the three provinces:

1. All local authorities and labor unions must stress the expansion of preparations for flood control. They should urge the acceptance of the above-mentioned challenge and sign patriotic pacts.
2. After the promotion is under way, the ch'u, hsiang, and ts'un authorities should engage in three investigations and three comparisons. They should investigate organization, tools and materials, and the conditions of the dikes. They should compare family with family, organization with organization, and village with village. Competition should be carried to ch'u and hsien levels. Representative strong and weak points in organization and preparation should be selected for commendation or censure. Model preparation activities should be advertised for the encouragement and instruction of others.

3. Throughout the campaign a watch should be kept to discover model workers or groups of workers. The effectiveness of this activity should be one of the criteria for judging the efficiency of cadres.

2D YEAR OF HUAI HO FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT -- Kai-feng, Honan Jih-pao, 5 Aug 52

The second year's program on the Huai Ho Flood-Control Project has been essentially completed and the vast working force of 3 million persons including 100,000 technicians and several thousands of cadres, has been basically demobilized. At present, a cadre training program in preparation for the third year's program is in progress.

During the period from mid-November 1951 to the mid-July 1952 (with a short interruption during the winter) 187 million cubic meters of earth and 400,000 cubic meters of rock were moved; 55,000 cubic meters of concrete were poured. In addition to this activity under centralized direction, 100 million cubic meters of earth were moved by peasants on small-scale private conservation activities. These activities included digging irrigation canals and building and repairing dikes on their own land, handling a total of nearly 3 million cubic meters of earth.

During the 2 years during which the project has been under way, the project of detaining and impounding 20 billion cubic meters of flood waters has been practically 50 percent completed. The Huai Ho, and a number of its tributaries, silted up for many years, have been partially opened. Some irrigation projects have been put into operation and a foundation has been laid for future irrigation on a vast scale.

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Sufficient has been accomplished in the program that, even with a flood like that of 1950, 24 million mou of land heretofore frequently flooded would be protected. The main irrigation canal across northern Kiangsu has begun to function and the Huai Ho, formerly the destroyer of the people's hopes, is becoming their servant and provider.

During the second year's activities the Pai-sha and Pan-ch'iao reservoirs in Honan were completed. Surveys and drill tests were completed for the Nan-wan reservoir on the upper main stream of the Huai Ho and the P'o-shan reservoir on the upper Ju Ho. Improvements were made in the inlet and outlet equipment of the detention basins of the four lakes, Lao-wang-p'o, Wu'sung Hu, Chiao-t'ing Hu, and T'ung Hu, on the upper Huai Ho. Flood diversion channels were dredged, village dikes strengthened, and the drainage system of the flood-detention areas in the upper reaches of the river improved. Detention basins were completed in the mid-river section on the Meng Ho, Wa-fou Hu, and the Huiyuan Hu where the ground is low. Adjustments were made in the channels of the Hung Ho and the Ju Ho in Honan. Work was done on the channels of 20 branches of the Huai Ho during this second year of endeavor.

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